

REMARKS

The following remarks are fully and completely responsive to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004. Claims 1, 10, 11, 18, 26 and 35-36 are pending in this application with claims 21-23, 32 and 37 cancelled by the present amendment. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 21-22, 32 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). The cancellation of claims 21-23, 32 and 37 renders this rejection moot.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 10, 11, 18, 26, 35 and 36 were allowed.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees, which may be required with respect to this paper or credit any overpayment to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 024016-00012.

Respectfully submitted,



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